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CHIEF JUSTICE SEEKS WRITTEN COMMENTS ON JUDICIAL NOMINEES

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon announced today that he is seeking public comment on judicial nominees for one vacancy at the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i, and one vacancy at the District Family Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. The names submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission for each of the vacancies are listed below:

For the vacancy that occurred upon the elevation of the Honorable Rhonda Nishimura to the circuit court on June 20, 2003

Patrick W. Border
William A. Cardwell
Darwin L. D. Ching
Sherri-Ann L. Iha
Edwin C. Nacino
Peter T. Stone

For the vacancy that occurred upon the retirement of the Honorable Darryl Choy on December 30, 2003

David M. Hayakawa
Christine E. Kuriyama
Margaret K. Masunaga
Edwin C. Nacino
Shawna J. Sodersten
Lori H. Wada

Anyone who would like to comment about the character and qualifications of any of the nominees before the Chief Justice makes his selection should mail, fax, or deliver their written comments to:

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon
Supreme Court of Hawai'i
417 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
Fax: 539-4703

WRITTEN comments must be post-marked, faxed, or delivered no later than FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2004. Comments may be delivered to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office at 417 S. King Street (the building directly behind the Kamehameha statue, first floor). ALL COMMENTS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.

The individual selected by the Chief Justice for each vacancy is subject to Senate confirmation.

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